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In response to the official communication dated June 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully file the amendments delivered herewith and the remarks following below in support of remaining claims 1 - 4.